Import of coal by CIL

2620. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal India Limited proposes to import around 4 million tonnes of coal during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the countries from which coal would be imported and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether coal would be imported for some specific projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to locate more coal mines in the country to meet its requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) In line with the directions of the Government, Coal India Limited (CIL) is in the process of working out a plan for import of about 4 million tonnes of coal during the current financial year (2009-10) for the intending buyers from power utility sector based on firm commitment received from such utilities.

(d) As per the Report of the Working Group on Coal & Lignite for formulation of XI Five Year Plan, CIL proposes to plan 134 number of coal mines (including expansion & extension projects) with tentative additional capacity of 357 million tonnes with expected contribution of about 135 million tonnes during the terminal year of XI Plan *i.e.* 2011-12.

Funds for welfare of labourers in WCL

†2621. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for welfare of labourers in Western Coal-fields Ltd. (WCL) in Kanhan and Pench area in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh, during the last five years, coal mining-wise;

(b) the items for which the funds have been utilized and the works done from the allocated amounts;

(c) whether the labourers of Kanhaan area residing in Saiking, 40 Quarter, Gadha Dafai, Hanuman Dafai, Chief House Camp, Jamkunda, Maszid Dafai, Ambada near WCL office, Mohan Kaalri Tatta Ambada near WCL office, Mohan Kaalri Tatta Lines etc. colonies are provided with basic facilities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) and (b) The details are being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

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